

REMARKS

In response to the Office Action dated July 12, 2007, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration based on the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

A review of the claims indicates that:

Claims 1-23 were previously pending.

No new claims are added.

Claims 1, 5, 7, 15, 17, 19, and 20 are currently amended.

Claims 1-23 are currently pending in this application, with claims 1, 7, 17, and 20 being independent.

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims as presented are in condition for allowance.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112

The Office rejects claims 5, 15, and 19 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. In particular, in claims 15 and 19, the Office asserts that the phrase “the first server” lacks antecedent basis. Applicant has amended claims 15 and 19 to replace the phrase “the first server” with the phrase “the network server.” Applicant submits that claims 5, 15, and 19 comply with all aspects of §112.

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2 **Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §101**

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4 The Office rejects claim 5 under 35 U.S.C. §101 because “the claim appears
5 to embrace or overlap two different statutory classes of invention” (Office Action,
6 page 2). Without conceding the propriety of the rejection, claim 5 has been
7 amended and Applicant submits claim 5 complies with §101.

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10 **Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102(e)**

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12 The Office rejects claims 1, 3-10, and 13-23 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as
13 being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,092,196 (Reiche et al.). This rejection is
14 respectfully traversed.

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17 **Claim 1, as presently presented recites:**

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19 A method for seeking access to a first server,
20 the method comprising:

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22 determining that a client seeking access to the
23 first server is not authenticated by an authentication
24 server;

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26 communicating a request for login information
27 to be returned to the authentication server from the
28 client;

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30 receiving the login information at the
31 authentication server from the client;

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33 authenticating the client by comparing the login
34 information with authentication information
35 maintained by the authentication server; and

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37 when the login information matches the
38 authentication information,

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40 generating a user authentication indicator at the
41 authentication server; and

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43 sending the user authentication indicator to the
44 first server; and

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sending user profile information associated with the client login information to the first server.

Changes made to the claims are supported in Applicant's Specification at least on pages 6 and 14.

The Reiche reference does not disclose or suggest every element of Applicant’s claim 1, as amended. Reiche discloses an HTTP distributed remote user authentication system that provides for data network implementation of an improved user access control protocol (Reiche, Col. 4, lines 22-23). As discussed during the telephonic interview, the system of Reiche does not disclose or suggest every element of Applicant’s claim 1. Specifically, Reiche does not disclose or suggest “sending user profile information associated with the client login information to the first server,” as in Applicant’s claim 1.

Because the Reiche document does not disclose or suggest every element of Applicant’s claim 1, as amended, Applicant respectfully submits the reference does not anticipate claim 1. Thus, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 1 is allowable over Reiche.

Claims 3-6

Claims 3-6 depend from independent claim 1 and are, therefore, allowable by virtue of this dependency, as well as for the additional features that each recites.

Claim 7, as presently presented, recites:

A method of authenticating a client with respect to a network server to which the client is seeking access, the method comprising:

receiving a request at an authentication server from the network server to authenticate a client;

1 determining that the client is not authenticated by
the authentication server;

2 receiving login information at the authentication
server from the client;

3 authenticating the client at the authentication server
4 by comparing the received login information with
authentication information maintained by the
authentication server; and

5 determining that the received login information
6 matches the authentication information, whereupon an
authentication indication is generated at the
authentication server and user profile information
associated with the client login information are
8 communicated to the network server.

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10 Changes made to the claims are supported in Applicant's Specification at
least on pages 6 and 14.

12 The Reiche reference does not disclose or suggest every element of
13 Applicant's claim 7, as amended, for the same reasons as described above in the
14 rejection of claim 1. In particular, the system of Reiche does not disclose or
15 suggest "user profile information associated with the client login information...
16 communicated to the network server," as in Applicant's claim 7.

17 Because the Reiche document does not disclose or suggest every element of
18 Applicant's claim 7, as amended, Applicant respectfully submits that the reference
19 does not anticipate claim 7. Thus, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 7 is
20 allowable over Reiche.

22 **Claims 8-10 and 13-16**

1 Claims 8-10 and 13-16 depend from independent claim 7 and are, therefore,
2 allowable by virtue of this dependency, as well as for the additional features that
3 each recites.

4 **Claim 17, as presently presented, recites:**

5 One or more computer-readable media having stored
6 thereon a plurality of instructions that when executed by
7 a processor, cause the processor to perform the
8 following steps:

- 9 receiving a request to authenticate a user seeking
10 access to a network server;
- 11 determining that the user is not authenticated by an
12 authentication server;
- 13 receiving login information at the authentication
14 server from the user;
- 15 authenticating the user at the authentication server by
16 comparing the received login information with
17 authentication information maintained by the
18 authentication server;
- 19 when the received login information matches the
20 authentication information,
- 21 generating a user authentication indicator at the
22 authentication server; and
- 23 sending the user authentication indicator to the
24 network server; and
- 25 sending user profile information associated with the
client login information to the network server.

19 Changes made to the claims are supported in Applicant's Specification at
20 least on pages 6 and 14.

21 The Reiche reference does not disclose or suggest every element of
22 Applicant's claim 17, as amended. In particular, Reiche does not disclose or
23 suggest "sending user profile information associated with the client login
24 information to the network server," as in Applicant's claim 17.

1 Because the Reiche document does not disclose or suggest every element of
2 Applicant's claim 17, as amended, Applicant respectfully submits that the
3 reference does not anticipate claim 17. Thus, Applicant respectfully submits that
4 claim 17 is allowable over Reiche.

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6 **Claims 18 and 19**

7 Claims 18 and 19 depend from independent claim 17 and are, therefore,
8 allowable by virtue of this dependency, as well as for the additional features that
9 each recites.

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11 **Claim 20, as presently presented, recites:**

12 A system comprising:
13 a network server to receive a request by a client to
14 gain access to the network server,
15 the network server to transmit a request to the
16 authentication server for the authentication server to
17 authenticate the client, wherein the request includes the
18 client's login information;
19 an authentication server to determine that the client is
20 authenticated with respect to the authentication server,
21 the authentication server to transmit a client
22 authentication indicator to the network server, wherein
23 the client authentication indicator to indicate whether the
24 client is authenticated; and
25 whereby the network server is to grant access to the
 client at the network server and wherein the network
 server is to receive user profile information associated
 with the client login information when the client
 authentication indicator determines that the client is
 authenticated at the authentication server.

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27 Changes made to the claims are supported in Applicant's Specification at
28 least on pages 6 and 14.

1 The Reiche reference does not disclose or suggest every element of
2 Applicant's claim 20, as amended. In particular, Reiche does not disclose or
3 suggest "wherein the network server is to receive user profile information
4 associated with the client login information," as in Applicant's claim 20.

5 Because the Reiche document does not disclose or suggest every element of
6 Applicant's claim 20, as amended, Applicant respectfully submits the reference
7 does not anticipate claim 20. Thus, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 20 is
8 allowable over Reiche.

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10 **Claims 21-23**

11 Claims 21-23 depend from independent claim 20 and are, therefore,
12 allowable by virtue of this dependency, as well as for the additional features that
13 each recites.

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15 **Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)**

16 The Office rejects claims 2, 11, and 12 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being
17 unpatentable over Reiche in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,418,854 (Kaufman et al.).
18 This rejection is respectfully traversed.

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20 **Claim 2**

21 Claim 2 is a dependent claim of independent claim 1. As discussed above,
22 independent claim 1 is not anticipated by Reiche since Reiche does not disclose or
23 suggest every element of Applicant's amended claim 1. In particular, the Reiche
24 document does not teach or suggest "sending user profile information associated

1 with the client login information to the first server,” as in Applicant’s amended
2 claim 1.

3 Kaufman was cited for its alleged teaching of a “user authentication
4 indicator [that] does not contain reference of the login information” (Office
5 Action, page 6). However, the Kaufman document fails to remedy the deficiencies
6 of Reiche, noted above with respect to claim 1. For example, Kaufman fails to
7 teach or suggest “sending user profile information associated with the client login
8 information to the first server,” as in Applicant’s amended claim 1.

9 Dependent claims contain the language of the claims from which they
10 depend. Claim 2 depends from claim 1 and, therefore, is allowable by virtue of its
11 dependence from independent claim 1, as well as for the additional features that it
12 recites.

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14 **Claims 11 and 12**

15 Claims 11 and 12 are dependent claims of independent claim 7. As stated
16 previously, claim 7 is patentable over the Reiche patent because Reiche does not
17 disclose or suggest every element of Applicant’s amended claim 7. For example,
18 the Reiche patent does not teach or suggest “user profile information associated
19 with the client login information... communicated to the network server,” as in
20 Applicant’s amended claim 7.

21 The Kaufman document does not add to the missing teachings of Reiche,
22 described above with respect to claim 7. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits
23 amended independent claim 7 is not obvious in view of these references.

24 Dependent claims contain the language of the claims from which they
25 depend. Claims 11 and 12 depend from claim 7, and, therefore, are allowable by

1 virtue of their dependence from independent claim 7, as well as for the additional
2 features that each claim recites.

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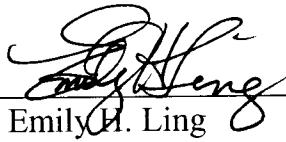
1 **Conclusion**

2 Applicant respectfully requests prompt issuance of the subject application.
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4 Should any matter in this case remain unresolved, the undersigned attorney
5 respectfully requests a telephone conference with the Examiner to resolve any such
6 outstanding matter.

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